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FROM:

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National Intelligence Officer for East Asia

SUBJECT:

Japan Steering Group

l. Another breakfast meeting was held on 5 March. No decision was reached on whether Gregg, Sigur, and Wolfowitz or some combination of them should visit Japan again to demonstrate continuing US pressure. If they do go, the trip will have to be sandwiched in between the end of the Japanese budget debate--Nakasone and his cabinet are fully occupied during the debate--and a Diet recess that starts on 27 March. A possibility is that Sigur alone might call on Nakasone around 20 March to convey the President's continued interest in a reasonable solution.

2. By prearrangement after the breakfast, of OEA/Japan Branch met us in the White House Situation Room to give a briefing on where the Japanese stood on each of the outstanding issues, such as beef and citrus, VANS, software, satellites, tariffs, and yen liberalization. This excellent briefing was very well received as was a typescript prepared last week at the Vice President's request assessing how an across the board tariff would impact on the Japanese. Gregg reported that the Vice President thought highly of that paper and scribbled "a good paper" across his copy.

3. On the way back I asked _______ to consider writing a one or two-page typescript for Gregg estimating the ultimate Japanese position as of 30 March on each of the trade issues in question. Since the Vice President has asked for a similar list from Commerce, STR, Energy, Treasury and others, CIA's contribution could be used as a kind of guage of what is obtainable.

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4. Comment. Interaction between the intelligence and policy communities is developing exceptionally well in this undertaking.

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- 1. The breakfast was held on 27 February with Gregg, Sigur, Wolfowitz, and myself attending. Gregg said the Vice President wanted the Steering Group's opinion on whether to hold a SIG to discuss progress on the Vice President's follow-up. This was agreed to, and the meeting is set for Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Some of the most interested departments, such as Commerce and STR, may attend at the Secretary level with backup.
- 2. Gregg tabled a draft letter from the Vice President to Nakasone which would be dispatched after the Wednesday meeting. Mansfield will probably be asked to deliver it personally to Nakasone. The letter underscores the concern of the President and Vice President that too little was accomplished last week in Tokyo at subcabinet meetings and that the Japanese side must understand the need for reasonable compromises. The letter will also surface the idea of a Bush-Nakasone meeting in April or May.
- 3. Sigur wondered whether the letter should include a list of US goals on such things as beef and citrus, software, VANS, depressed industries, and yen liberalization. Wolfowitz thought that we should not show the Japanese our bottom line in such a list, and we all expressed concern that any list, once committed to paper, could find its way into the press and thus become an unintended benchmark. Nothing was decided, but the issue will probably come up again at the SIG.

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